

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2008
Room 108/109

The Open Session meeting of the Maryland Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners was held on Thursday, December 11, 2008 in Room 108/109, 4201 Patterson Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by President Dr. David Freedman. Board members present were Drs. Steven Chatlin, Ira Gottlieb, Jay LeBow, Tanya Sellers-Hannibal, Mrs. Ernestine Jones Jolivet and Ms. Barbara Crosby. Also present were Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Richard Bloom, AAG, Board Counsel, Sally Reier, Administrative Officer, and Oladuni Akinpelu, Administrative Specialist. Guests present were Lynda Lardner-McGinnis, D.P.M., Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA) representative, Paula Hollinger, Associate Director of Health Work Force, and Sharon Bloom, Executive Assistant.

A. MINUTES:

The minutes from the November 13, 2008 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Task Force updates

Ms. Schwartz informed the Board that the Task Force is reviewing the uniform application of discipline, sanctioning guidelines, and the governance of the boards. The recommendations of the Task Force are anticipated to be available in January. Ms. Schwartz will continue to attend the Task Force meetings and provide updates to the Board.

2. Jurisprudence Lecture and Exam

- Update to include CPR requirement

The Board reviewed and approved the updates to the Jurisprudence Lecture and Exam including information regarding cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification requirements for licensure.

3. Professional Service Corporations

Dr. Chatlin advised that his employer is considering writing to the Board of Physicians regarding the inclusion of a podiatrist in a professional corporation with physician members. Dr. Chatlin will provide updates to the Board in this matter.

4. Final Fee Regulations to be effective 12/29/2008

Ms. Schwartz informed the Board that the fee regulations will be effective December 29, 2008. An invoice memorandum will be mailed instructing licensees to submit their five hundred twenty-five dollar (\$525.00) required annual payment toward the 2010-2011 licensing renewal fees. The Board anticipates requiring the payment of fees no later than January 30, 2009.

5. Proposed Regulations requiring a licensed podiatrist to examine, diagnose, determine medical necessity and prescribe orthotics and prosthetics

The Board reviewed the proposed regulations noting that revisions were made to adhere to regulations formatting standards. The Board was advised that the proposed regulations are in the promulgation process.

6. National Practitioner Data Bank Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank – Frequently Asked Questions

The Board reviewed the frequently asked questions from the National Practitioner Data Bank and Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank and requested staff to include this information in the next newsletter.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Budget Cuts

Ms. Schwartz informed the Board that the Department of Budget Management advised that budget surplus balances may be eliminated legislatively in the upcoming 2009 legislative session. Any such action may not impact the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners as we are operating without a budget surplus.

**2. 2009 Board Meetings – Room Assignment 110
April 2, 2009 - Room Assignment – 108/109**

Staff advised the Board that all 2009 Board meetings will be held in room 110 with the exception of the April 2, 2009 Board meeting which will be held in room 108/109.

**3. National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME)
• PM Lexis Credentialing for PM Lexis**

Ms. Schwartz reported that the NBPME provides credentialing services and inquired if the Board wanted to relinquish the credentialing of PM Lexis candidates to the NBPME. After discussion, this issue was tabled to the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Maryland State Government Annotated "10-501 et seq." the Board unanimously approved a motion to close its meeting at 1:53 p.m., in room 108/109 for the purpose of complying with the Maryland Medical Practice Act that prevents public disclosures about particular proceedings or matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernestine Jones Jolivet, Secretary/Treasurer